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Prior Application: APPLICANTS: H. KAWAMOTO et al
 Serial No. 10/117,126
 Filed: April 8, 2002

Group Art: 2832
For: GAS-INSULATED SWITCH

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b)

Box: Patent Application
Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/117,126 filed April 8, 2002, entitled GAS-INSULATED SWITCH by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee						\$	750.00
Total Claims	7	-	20	=	0	x	18 = \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	84 = \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$	750.00

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3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2 and 4 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/117,126, filed April 8, 2002.--.

7. Formal drawings are enclosed, five (5) sheets, Figs. 1-6.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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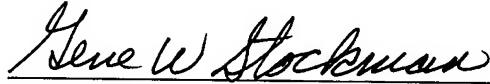
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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of Japanese patent application No.

2001-220822 filed July 23, 2001 is claimed under
35 U.S.C. § 119. **The certified priority document has been
filed in the parent application.**

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed
in the present continuation application would have been new
matter in the prior application, as originally filed on April
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